

A One Window Approach

The Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch (EAAB) is your one window service for provincial environmental assessments and approvals. We are responsible for reviewing applications for approval of facilities, the development and operation of which could result in adverse effects on the environment.

The legislative framework for the assessment and approval processes at the EAAB includes the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, and the *Pesticides Act*, as well as numerous regulations and guidelines. The EAAB reviews applications impacting the environment under this legislation, ensuring the protection of human health and the ecosystem while sustaining economic growth and the well being of future generations.

You can reach us by phone at 416-314-8001, toll-free at 1-800-461-6290, or by email at: EAABGen@ene.gov.on.ca between 8:30am and 5:00pm weekdays. Information is available 24 hours a day on the Ministry of the Environment internet site (www.ene.gov.on.ca).



Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I get more information about environmental regulations/legislation in Ontario?

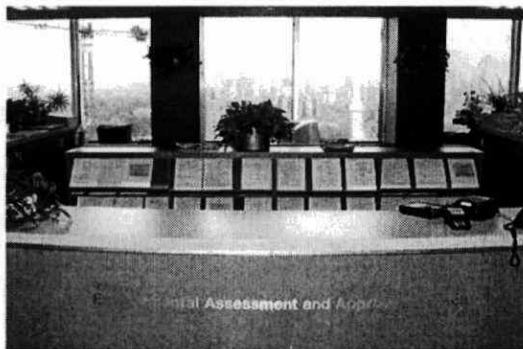
The consolidated laws of Ontario are available online in electronic form from the E-Laws website at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca. You can order hard copies of the legislation by visiting the Government of Ontario website (www.gov.on.ca) and clicking on "publications" or by phoning Publications Ontario toll free at 1-800-668-9938 or locally at 416-326-5300.

How can I participate in Ministry of the Environment decisions regarding Certificates of Approval?

The *Environmental Bill of Rights* establishes a formal framework for notifying the public about proposed legislation, policies, regulations and other legal instruments that could have a significant effect on the environment and considers the public's input before the government makes a final decision. You have the right to comment on all prescribed instruments posted on the Environmental Registry. For more information, please visit the Ministry of the Environment website at www.ene.gov.on.ca and click on the heading "EBR" or contact us by phone at 416-314-0197.

What methods of payment are accepted by the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch?

Payment for costs associated with certificates of approval and pesticide licensing may be paid by certified cheque, money order, VISA or MasterCard. All payments should be made in Canadian funds payable to the *Ontario Minister of Finance*.



For more information, or to join our mailing list, please contact us at:

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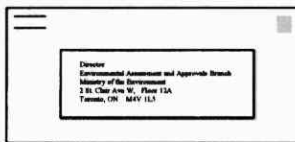
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Certificates of Approval

Several pieces of legislation including the *Safe Drinking Water Act* (SDWA), *Ontario Water Resources Act* (OWRA), *Environmental Protection Act* (EPA), *Pesticides Act* (PA), *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) and *Environmental Bill of Rights* (EBR) together with numerous regulations, assist the Ministry of the Environment in protecting the environment. They establish the authority and responsibility of the Ministry, as well as define and stipulate the legal requirements for all activities that may adversely affect the environment. Certificates of Approval are required prior to implementation of a variety of undertakings that may impact the environment.

Certificates of Approval are required for facilities that release emissions to the atmosphere, discharge contaminants to ground and surface water, provide potable water supplies, or store, transport or dispose of waste. Proponents of these types of activities are required to obtain Certificates of Approval to ensure that the environment will not be adversely affected. Applications for Certificates of Approval should be made to:



**Director
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Certificates of Approval are developed and issued with many purposes in mind. They must address the site specific considerations relevant to the proposal, provide enforceable requirements that ensure environmental and health protection, comply with legislation and policy guidelines, and acknowledge issues that fall within the mandate of the Ministry. Certificates of Approval will not only be used by Abatement, Approvals and Enforcement staff in the course of their daily activities, but also by the public and the proponent.

For more information about Certificates of Approval or to obtain an application package, please contact the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch toll free at 1-800-461-6290, locally 416-314-8001, or visit our website at www.ene.gov.on.ca

Pesticide Licensing

The Ministry of the Environment pesticide licensing program is regulated by the *Pesticides Act* and Regulation 914. In accordance with the principles of this legislation, the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch manages licensing for the sale, storage, use and disposal of federally registered pesticides.

Pesticides are regulated by both the federal and provincial governments. All pesticides imported into, sold or used in Canada are regulated nationally under the federal *Pest Control Products (PCP) Act*. The Ontario *Pesticides Act* and Regulation 914 provide the province's regulatory framework for pesticide management to protect human health and the natural environment. The Ministry of the Environment, through the legislation, regulates the sale, use, transportation, storage and disposal of pesticides. The ministry issues pesticide exterminator, operator and vendor licences, monitors compliance and enforces the regulation. Through education and training, the ministry provides direction on the responsible use of pesticides and encourages and promotes reduced reliance on pesticides through integrated pest management practices.

WARNING



PESTICIDE USE

For information about Ontario pesticide training and certification, please contact Ridgetown College toll free at 1-888-620-9999 or locally at (519) 674-1476. For information about pesticides licensing or to obtain an application package, please contact the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch toll free at 1-800-461-6290, locally 416-314-8001, or visit our website at www.ene.gov.on.ca